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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Assistant Vice Director for Collection  
Management  
Department of Defense  
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War  
and Missing in Action Affairs  
(International Security Affairs)  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
Department of State

**SUBJECT**

1. Alleged Sighting of Five U.S. Prisoners of War in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

[REDACTED]

1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report  
[REDACTED] who provided  
first-hand information of the alleged sightings and related  
second-hand information provided to him [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Deputy Director for Operations

- cc:
- DCI
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- S/DDI
- STATE/EAP
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- NSA

Attachment: Report as stated

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Alleged Sightings of Live U.S. Prisoners of War  
in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

1. On 24 February 1983, [REDACTED] 1.3 (u)

[REDACTED] two Caucasians and six People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) soldiers giving a speech in Lao praising the LPR regime. (Headquarters Comments: [REDACTED] did not explain why he believed that the two Caucasians were U.S. Prisoners of War (POW's).) 1.3 (u)

2. On 25 February 1983, [REDACTED] 1.3 (u)

[REDACTED] that there were four U.S. POW's being held at the Hadeng Prison in the LPR. [REDACTED] the prison was divided into two sections. One part of the prison was used to confine former Royal Lao Government (RLG) officials and Royal Lao Army (RLA) officers. The other part of the facility was for the four U.S. POW's. One of the Americans was ill with "diabetic disease." Another U.S. POW was allowed to look after him. The two other U.S. POW's were allowed to accompany PAVN soldiers who conducted propaganda operations. [REDACTED] PAVN soldiers were guarding the prison.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] was willing to attempt to rescue the four Americans without advance funds for their efforts, and would hold the liberated U.S. POW's until negotiations for a reward were completed. (Headquarters Comment: [REDACTED] asked how much money the [REDACTED] might get for each U.S. POW.) 1.30-29

4. [REDACTED] claimed to have met with two U.S. POW's during his one and one-half year detention from mid-1981 to January 1983. [REDACTED] said that the two alleged U.S. POW's were not incarcerated within the prison facility but were held in a nearby cave. (Headquarters Comment: [REDACTED] was not able to identify either of the two alleged U.S. POW's by name. He stated that one of their [REDACTED] plates was available at Ban Mondeng (NR2511). [REDACTED] that he would attempt to recover the plate by 1 April 1983.) 1.30-29

5. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]